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LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES


R. Raymond Green, M.D., Director  
Wasatch County Health Department  
98 South Main  
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Dear Dr. Green:

I am enclosing the Field Trip Report of my  
visit to Wasatch County on July 10, 1968.

I would appreciate any comments or corrections  
that you would care to make.

Sincerely,

  
E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director, Bureau of Local Health  
Services

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UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY DATE July 10, 1968

SUBJECT FIELD TRIP TO WASATCH COUNTY

PLACE OF ACTIVITY Heber City, Utah

PURPOSE \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANTS E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Bureau of Local Health Services;  
Mrs. Echomae Anderson, Consultant Nurse; Commissioner Russell Wall, Wasatch  
County Commission and Commissioner Grant W. Shelton, Wasatch County Commission  
Wayne C. Whiting, Wasatch County Clerk and R. Raymond Green, M.D., Director  
Wasatch County Health Department.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS \_\_\_\_\_

IMPRESSIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Time Spent in Activity 2 1/2 Hrs. Report Prepared by: E. Arnold Isaacson,  
M.D., M.P.H.

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Bureau of Local Health Services

Date Report written \_\_\_\_\_



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Mrs. E. Arnold Isaacson, Assistant Director, Bureau of Local Health Services;  
County Commission and Commissioner of Health W. Shelton, Wasatch County Commission;  
Walter C. Whiting, Wasatch County Clerk and K. Raymond Green, M.D., Director,  
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FIELD TRIP TO WASATCH COUNTY

July 10, 1968

State Consultants: Dr. E. Arnold Isaacson and Mrs. Eehomas Anderson, Consultant Nurse.

Met with Commissioner Wall, Commissioner Shelton and the County Clerk, Mr. Whiting. Discussed with those present the organization of a local health department for their sized county, the structure, leaving organizational drawings, etc., and the functions of a local health department which would serve a population of approximately 5400 people. This included Emerson's Basic Six (C.C.S. and M.C.H., Communicable Disease Control, Health Education, Public Health Laboratory, Environmental Health, and Vital Statistics). Also discussed possible budgetary items, tentative total costs of budgets and shared with the members present the contents of the budgets of three similar sized counties in the State of Utah. A consensus was reached that they did wish to organize a local health department by passing a resolution, subsequently selecting a board of health, appointing a part-time local health director, and hiring a full-time public health nurse.

Several questions were asked concerning what the State Department of Health could do and what the county could do in order to support such an activity. Many of these areas of responsibility were itemized and county or state responsibility was indicated. It was also stated that the State Division of Health, in addition to supplying various vaccines, biologicals, consultation, Health Education, public health laboratory, venereal disease control activities and related public health area activities coupled with sanitation time, etc. that also perhaps supply dollars to the county in the same proportion as was contributed to three other counties of approximate, similar size. This would amount to somewhere between \$1600 and \$2200, depending upon the total budget. It was also explained to the county commissioners that state funds would have to be funds obtained through lapsing money next year inasmuch as this year's allocations to counties have already solidified. It was



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Nurse.

Met with Commissioner Wall, Commissioner Shelton and the County Clerk, Mr. Whiting. Discussed with those present the organization of a local health department for that sized county, the structure, leaving organizational drawings, etc., and the functions of a local health department which would serve a population of approximately 2400 people. This included Emerson's State (G.C.S. and M.C.H., Communicable Disease Control, Health Education, Public Health Laboratory, Environmental Health, and Vital Statistics). Also discussed possible budgetary items relative total costs of budget and shared with the members present the contents of the budgets of three similar sized counties in the State of Utah. A consensus was reached that they did wish to organize a local health department by passing a resolution, subsequently selecting a board of health, appointing a part-time local health director, and hiring a full-time public health nurse.

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explained further that state policy requires lapsing of funds at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year, which would make money available around March or April of 1969. It was also explained that the counties should use county dollars for the first part of the year and that the State Health Division would, in all probability, have lapsing funds that could be allocated to the county to assist in their public health responsibilities.

Recommended steps for procedure for the county commissioners to take were also outlined. These were as follows:

1. County commissioners adopt either a model resolution or a model county ordinance or develop one of their own with the assistance of the county attorney, which would put the county officially on record as having established a local public health department under specific state law.
2. The county commission should appoint a five-member county board of health, which would consist of a physician, a member of the county board of health, and three other people of the county who are interested in public health activities. (It was recommended that one of those three be the superintendent of public schools).
3. The third step should be the appointment of a county health director (in addition to a county health physician--which is a separate legal title). The county commissioners in attendance felt that Dr. Green should be asked to perform the services of a local health director in addition to being the county physician. There seemed to be a unanimity of opinion by those representing the county who were present in the room.
4. The county health director should hire a public health nurse with the approval of the county board of health and the county commission. There are two qualified public health nurses #15 who have applied for the position. Both of these nurses are working in nursing and are currently

residing in the boundaries of Wasatch County.

5. The county health director and the county board of health should proceed forthwith to develop policies and learn of services available to them from State Division of Health and other health agencies. The county director of health should be in a supervisory capacity over the state sanitarian when the sanitarian comes into the county to provide services.

#### SUMMARY

Dr. Isaacson and Mrs. Echomae Anderson visited Wasatch County Commissioners on July 10, 1968. A discussion concerning recommendations of procedures to follow in the establishment of a local health department ensued. The appropriate organization, function, staffing pattern, relationships and public health programs which would be appropriate for a small county health department, meeting the needs of a community the size of Wasatch County, were discussed. An agreement was reached with the county commissioners that these recommendations would be followed and requested Dr. Isaacson to send to them guide lines for a county health plan, forms for submission of a county budget and letter of explanation concerning various state services available to them.

#### MEETING WITH DR. GREEN--COUNTY PHYSICIAN

On July 10, 1968, Mrs. Echomae Anderson, Nursing Consultant, Dr. E. Arnel Isaacson, Director of Local Health Services, met with Dr. Green to inform him of the meeting just held with the county commission and explain the position of the State Division of Health and the recommendations given to the county commissioners. Following explanation of these recommendations and discussion of various county health problems, Dr. Green was in agreement to the recommendations of the organization of a Wasatch County Health Department, Board of Health, Health Officer, Public Health Nurses added to the staff with appropriate relationships and program activities.

Dr. Green also requested that Dr. Isaacson contact the regional sanitarian and request him to call Dr. Green this afternoon concerning a water problem and also request that Dr. Isaacson send him a directory of public health personnel in the State Division of Health.

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Dr. Isaacson and Mrs. Nicholas Anderson visited Washoe County Commissioners on July 10, 1968. A discussion concerning recommendations of procedures to follow in the establishment of a local health department ensued. The appropriate organizational function, staffing pattern, relationships and public health programs which would be appropriate for a small county health department, meeting the needs of a community the size of Washoe County, were discussed. An agreement was reached with the county commissioners that these recommendations would be followed and requested Dr. Isaacson to send to them guide lines for a county health plan, forms for submission of a county budget and letter of explanation concerning various state services available to them.

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